

Water Conditions

February 2017

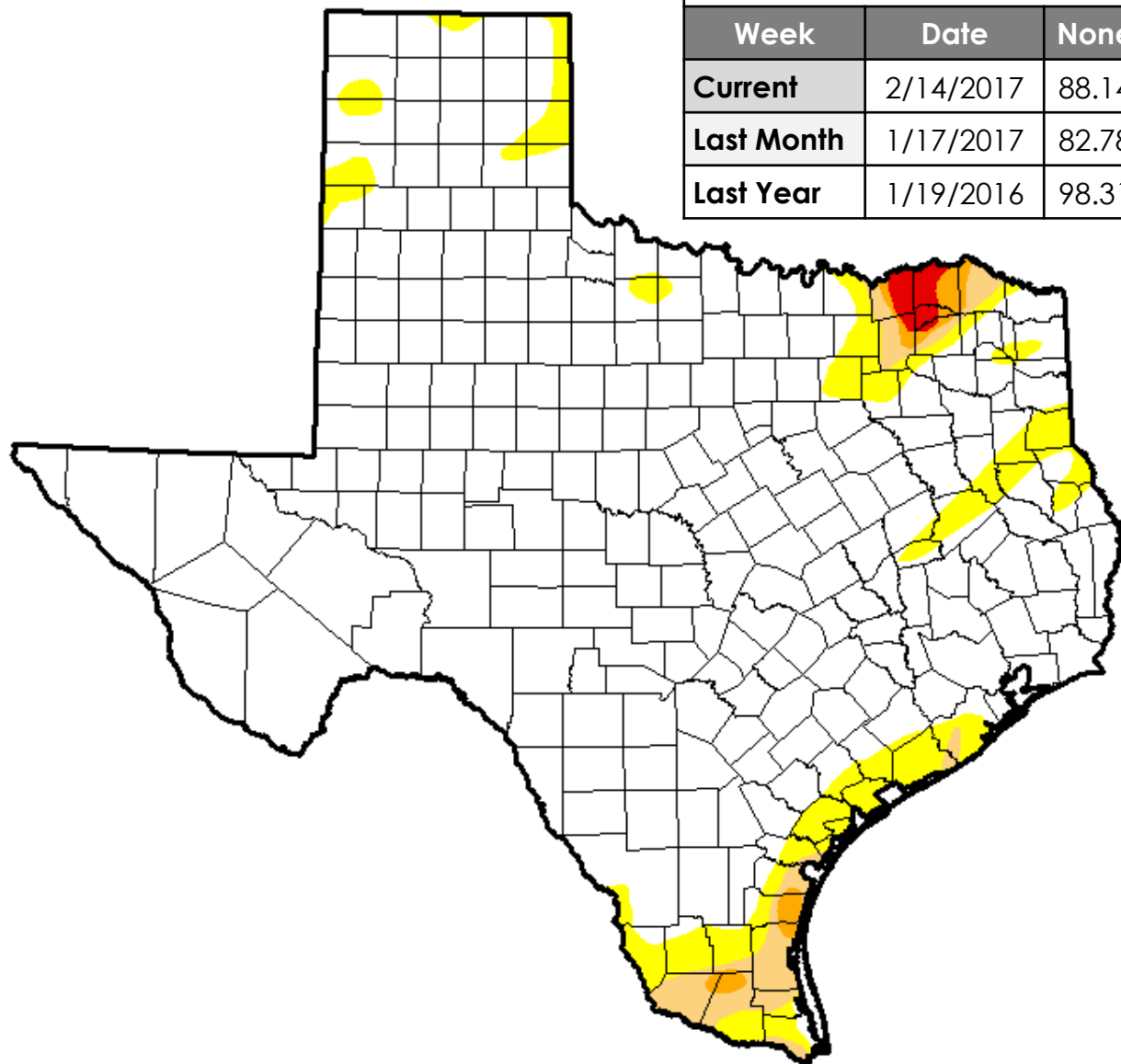


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U.S. Drought Monitor

Texas

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Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| Week | Date | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Current | 2/14/2017 | 88.14 | 8.17 | 2.42 | 0.73 | 0.53 | 0.00 |
| Last Month | 1/17/2017 | 82.78 | 13.20 | 3.07 | 0.79 | 0.15 | 0.00 |
| Last Year | 1/19/2016 | 98.31 | 1.69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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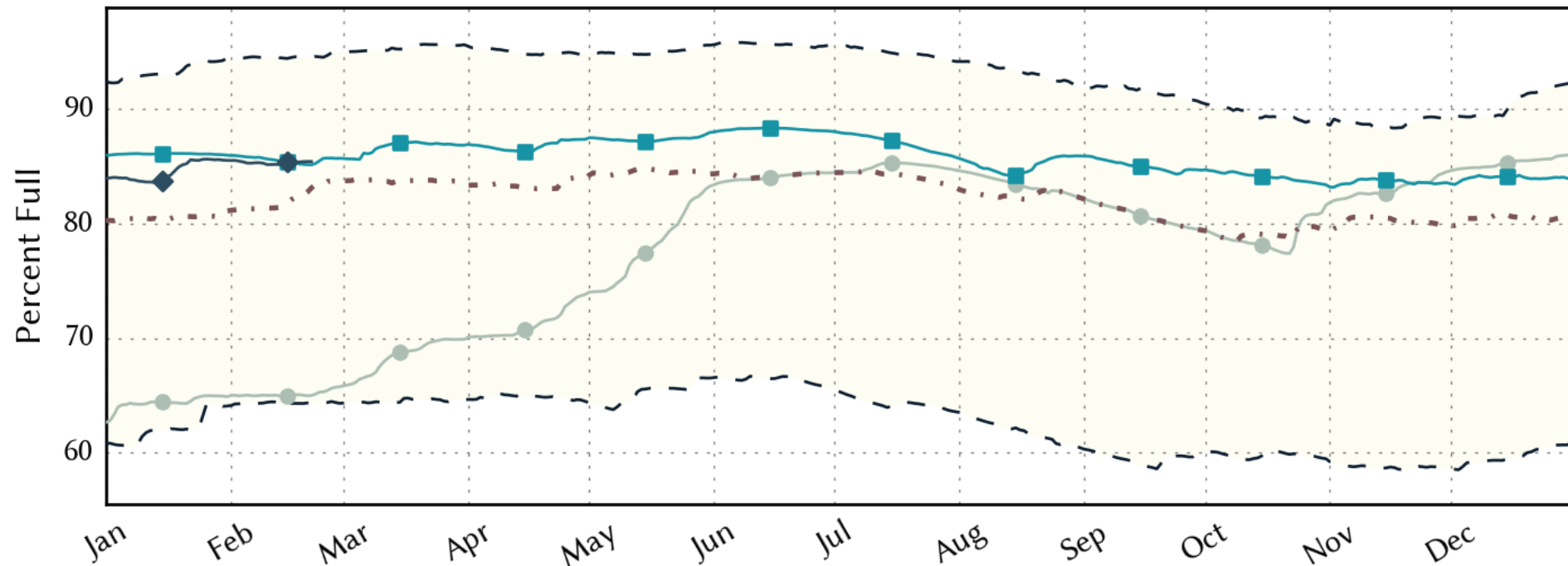
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Reservoir Conservation Storage Data

Storage for February 20, 2017: 26.8 Million acre-ft (85.6%)
Conservation capacity: 31.3 Million acre-ft

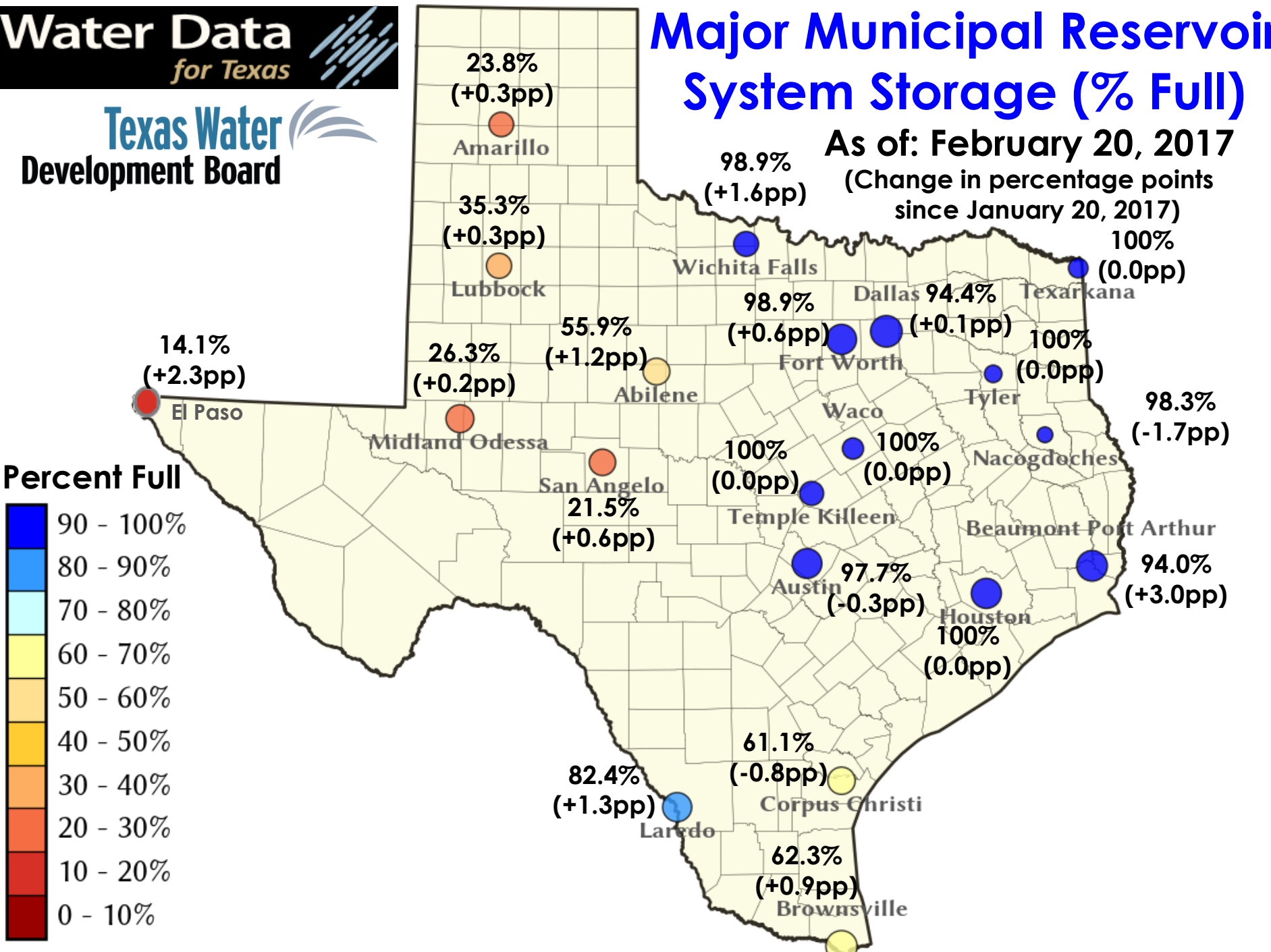
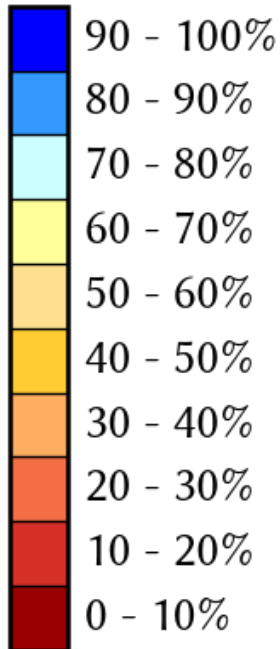
—◆— 2017 —■— 2016 —●— 2015 - - - Min / Max (1990-2016)
- . - . Median (1990-2016)



Major Municipal Reservoir System Storage (% Full)

As of: February 20, 2017
(Change in percentage points
since January 20, 2017)

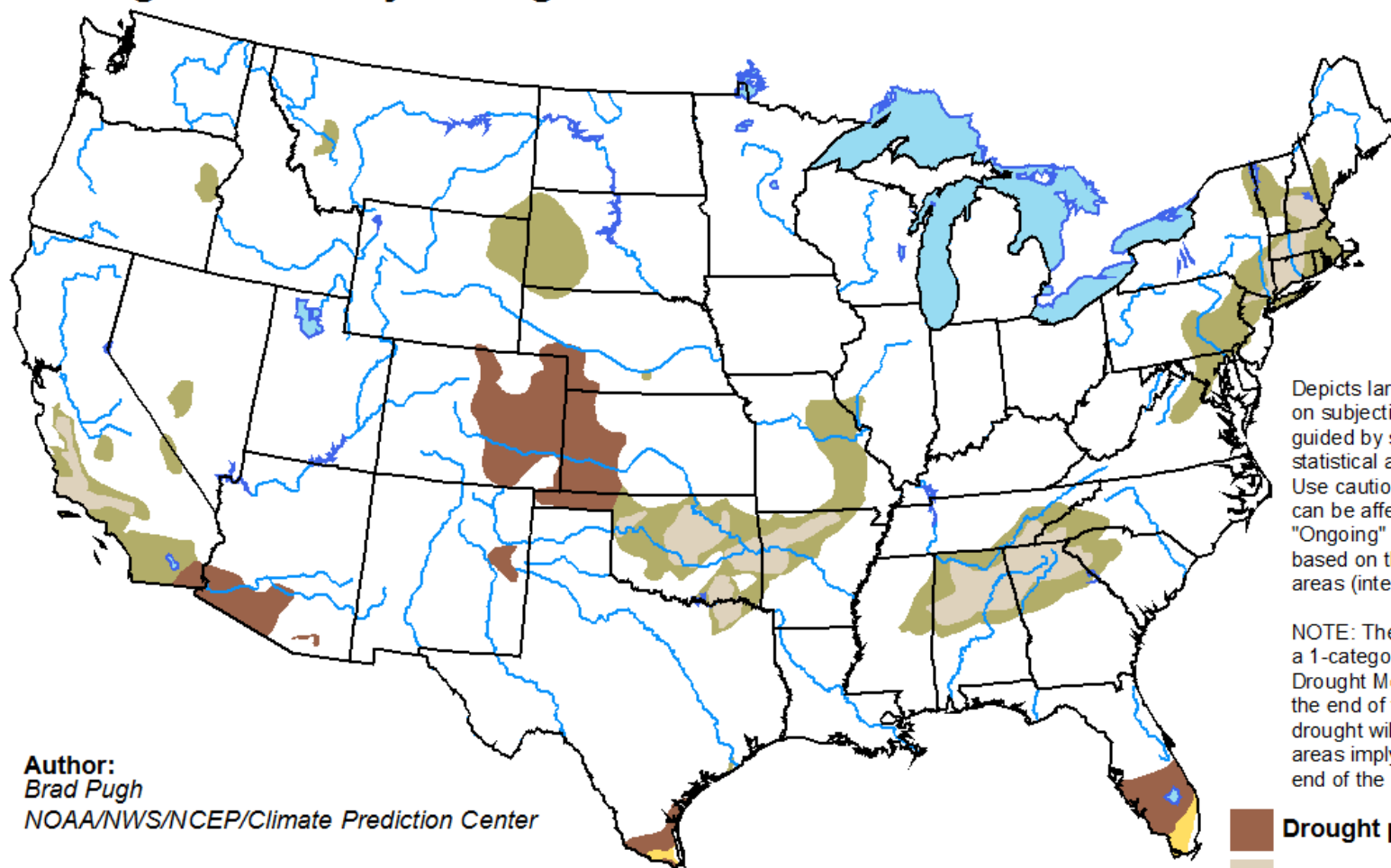
Percent Full



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period





Valid for February 16 - May 31, 2017
Released February 16, 2017

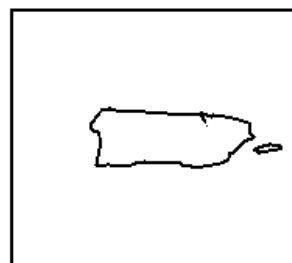
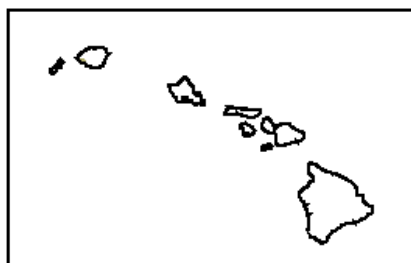
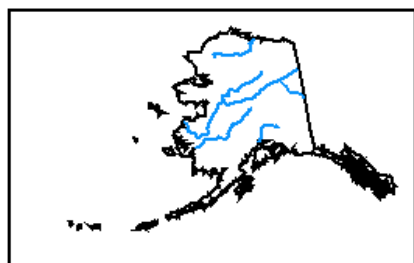


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Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

-  Drought persists
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely



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